

**NO. 433**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 1, 2002**

**MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Ron Bates, City of Los Alamitos.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Diane Sanbrano, Carol Husan, Dennis Zane, Cecil Capio, Mike & Shairley Congur spoke on airport and aviation issues.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approval Items**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Loveridge) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.1 Approval of June 6, 2002 Minutes

3.1.2 Contracts

- Center for the Continuing Study of So. Calif. California Economy

3.1.3 DBE Goal & Methodology

3.1.4 Travel Demand Model Work for RCTC

## **3.2 Receive & File**

### **3.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session**

### **3.2.2 Contracts/Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$25,000 (Info Only)**

- Ametron Audio/Video
- Caliper Corporation
- Dell Marketing
- Jeskell, Inc.
- Sheraton Universal

### **3.2.3 Conflict of Interest Listing (Information Only)**

## **• PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Executive Committee Report**

The Regional Council concurred and approved by ratification the following items:

#### **Consent Calendar**

- Sponsorship of 2002 Governor's Environment & Economic Awards Program
- Sponsorship of UCLA Arrowhead Conference in the amount of \$5,000.
- Subregional Consultant Contract (Public Financial Management)
- 2001-2002 Legislative Summaries
- Sponsorship of California Legacy Project Workshops (Approve name-only sponsorship – no cost to SCAG)

#### **Actions Items**

- Subcommittees & Task Force Appointments
- Audit Appeal Response; Amendments 3 & 4
- Status of 2002-2003 Overall Work Program
- Kern County Memorandum of Understanding
- Amend SCAG Building lease

## Appointments

### Regional Council

Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale, Representing District 43

### Regional Council Representatives to Policy Committees

TCC: Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park

Hon. Yvonne Burke, County of Los Angeles

Hon. Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles

Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles

Hon. Nate Holden, Los Angeles

Hon. Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles

Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles

CEHD: Hon. Ken Blackwood, Lomita

Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles

Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles

Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles

Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles

Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles

EEC: Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles

Hon. Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles

Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles

### Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

Gateway Cities:

EEC: Hon. Xochilt Ruvalcaba, South Gate

SANBAG:

CEHD: Hon. David Eshleman, Fontana

### Best Practices Oversight Committee

Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County

### Maglev Task Force

Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma

Hon. Wen Chang, Diamond Bar

Ron Bates, Los Alamitos

Jon Mikels, County of San Bernardino

### Aviation Task Force

Hon. Mike Antonovich, Los Angeles County

Hon. Hal Bernson, Los Angeles

Viggo Butler, United Airports Limited

Aviation Task Force- Cont'd

Hon. Bill Davis, VCTC  
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest  
Hon. Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles  
Milford T. Harrison, San Bernardino National Airport  
Lydia Kennard, LAWA  
Hon. Don Knabe, Los Angeles County  
Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County  
Hon. Stacey Murphy, Burbank  
Hon. Gary Ovitt, Ontario  
Hon. Bev Perry, Brea  
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula  
Jon Russell, Airline Pilots Association  
Carol Schatz, Central City Association  
Hon. Charles Smith, Orange County  
Ted Stein, Los Angeles City Airport Commission

It was MOVED (Bernson) SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Each month Mark Pisano present a detailed report on the priority issues that management and staff focused on monthly. Items covered within this report include: Efficiency & Accountability within the Organization; Providing support to the Regional Council with direction and leadership to SCAG (i.e. on-going briefings with new Regional Council members); Implement Adopted Regional Plans; Develop and Completion of Additional Planning Efforts; Improvement of data analysis and information; and Implementing the Legislative Program.

Mr. Pisano gave an update on the TMDL program. He stated that progress is underway with regards to the Los Angeles/San Gabriel Rivers, including a meeting with regional board staff. He also stated that this is the first of a series of meetings to accomplish drafting a joint program with the Regional Board. In addition, he reported that discussions regarding putting together a comparable program are underway with the County of Orange and the jurisdictions within the Santa Ana River Basin. Mr. Pisano noted that a white paper summary will be forwarded to members via email.

Mr. Pisano also announced that Ralph Levy, Manager of Budget and Grants will be retiring after 27 years of service. Ralph was congratulated on his many years of service for his contributions to SCAG in addition to handling multiple assignments.

## **4.0     ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1     Administration Committee Report**

#### **4.1.1   Committee Meeting Scheduling & Conflicts**

Supervisor Mikels announced that the Regional Council is scheduled on the same day in October as the League of California Cities to be held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The Administration Committee discussed the issue and recommended that meeting be held at SCAG offices. However the agenda should be very short. In addition transit access with maps should be included with the agendas.

The Regional Council discussed the issue. There was a consensus of the members that staff be directed to work with the City of Long Beach to see if SCAG meetings could be held at their facilities. Councilmember Lowenthal, Long Beach, stated that she would have the staff to contact SCAG to work out details.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Garcia) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to have the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in the City of Long Beach.

### **4.2     Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

#### **4.2.1   2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**

Mayor Roberts, stated that the 2002 RTIP programs a total of \$24.7 billion for implementing transportation projects within the next six fiscal years, 2002/03 – 2007/08. The 2002 RTIP is a compilation of projects funded by state, federal, and local funds.

The Draft 2001 RTIP was released on June 17, 2002 for a 30-day public review and comment period. There were seven public hearings of the Draft 2002 RTIP.

Mayor Roberts, Chair, stated that the TCC recommended approval of the 2002 RTIP for the SCAG region and authorize the Executive Director to transmit the 2002 RTIP and the associated conformity findings to the state and federal agencies for final approval.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommendation as presented

4.2.2 Gold Line Extension Phase II (Pasadena to Claremont) Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study

On July 11, 2002 the TCC reviewed the Gold Line Phase II Extension Letter of Completion issued by SCAG to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

It is recommended that the Regional Council support the TCC's finding that the logical eastern terminus of the Gold Line Phase II Extension is the City of Montclair's Transit Center rather than the City of Claremont.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Alexander) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support the recommendation.

4.2.3 California – Nevada Super-Speed Train Commission's (C-NSSTC) Anaheim to Ontario Maglev Study

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support the Maglev Task Force action directing staff to coordinate work with C-NSSTC for the Study.

4.2.4 Create a new Highway Task Force focusing on Highway and Arterial issues

For the adopted 2001 RTP, the highway component was developed primarily by staff using input from the county transportation commissions and subregions with support from the RTP Technical Advisory Committee (RTP TAC) in lieu of a separate task force. The RTP TAC had other responsibilities and was not constituted specifically for highway studies, and its effectiveness in this regard was limited. Recent discussions held by the RTP TAC have centered on the need for a more structured and integrated process of planning for the highway component of the upcoming 2004 RTP and beyond.

The members of RTP TAC have requested that a separate Highway Task Force be created that would address highway issues just as other existing modal task forces address their respective areas.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve creation of a Highway Task Force.

#### **4.3 Energy & Environment Committee Report**

##### **4.3.1 AB 2650 – (Lowenthal) – Air Pollution: Truck Emissions and Marine Terminals**

Councilmember Young, Chair, stated that the growing role of international trade passing through California's ports of entry has resulted in increasing truck traffic and congestion in communities neighboring the ports. The problem in the SCAG region is most evident at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, where an estimated 35,000 cargo trucks load and unload per day.

AB 2650 was introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal to reduce both emissions and delays at the ports, and requires marine terminals to operate in such a manner that trucks do not idle or queue for more than thirty minutes prior to entering marine terminal gates.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support AB 2650.

#### **Item Added**

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, stated that this item arose after the posting and mailings of the agenda. It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve having the item placed on the agenda for action.

##### **4.3.2 AB 2770 Proposed Waste Board Amendments for August 5, 2002 Senate EQ Hearing**

Mike Murphy, Acting Manager, Government Affairs, reported that SCAG previously held a support position on AB 2770, the successor bill to AB 1952, sponsored by SCAG, relating to solid waste conversion technologies. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) the sponsor of AB 2770 has proposed substantive amendments, which have the practical effect of negating the bill's original goals to facilitate development of solid waste conversion technology in California. Assembly Member Bogh, principal co-author of AB 2770, withdrew his support from the bill on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the bill was pulled from the Senate Environmental Quality Committee's August 5th agenda.

It was recommended that Assembly Member Matthews not accept the set of amendments being proposed for AB 2770 by the CIWMB's staff. In the event that Assembly Member Matthews believes that AB 2770 is unlikely to pass out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee without accepting the amendments, the RC requests Assembly Member Matthews withdraw the bill from further consideration.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support the recommendation to withdraw the measure if the bill does not get out of committee without amendments.

#### **4.4     Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

##### **4.4.1     Socioeconomic Trend Projections**

Mayor Alexander, Chair, stated that as part of the RTP update process, SCAG is required to update socioeconomic forecasts based on the latest information available. Trend Projections at the regional and county levels for the 2004 RTP were developed by SCAG staff as well as consultants. These projections incorporate the latest economic and demographic data, including information from the 2000 Census. The projections will provide critical input to the development of the 2004 RTP and the 2005 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

It was recommended that the Regional Council approve the trend projections as a working number for further disaggregation & distribution for local review.

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Garcia) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. There were no objections, the motion UNANIMOUSLY passed.

##### **4.4.2     Local Review Process on the Socioeconomic Trend Projection**

Mayor Alexander stated that due to recent delays in additional review of the methodologies and assumptions it is recommended that all local review efforts be focused on trend projection in order to formulate the baseline projection.

The CEHD recommended that the Regional Council approve a two-month review process on the trend projection to form the local input baseline projection.

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **4.5     Report on Best Practices Oversight Committee**

The committee met and primarily focused on the budget. Supervisor Mikels stated that after a lengthy discussion there was a consensus and recommendation from the committee that a reserve account be created for emergencies, etc.,.



It was MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommendation.

#### **4.5      Communications Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, gave a brief overview on the items discussed at the task force. The task force discussed, at length, Cerrell & Associates' Communications Strategy for FY 2002-2003. There was a consensus from the task force that SCAG should initiate the following in order to have an effective communication tool: 1) Become more assertive with the media; 2) ensure that members and legislators know exactly what SCAG is doing; 3) strengthen relationships with individual members; and 4) moving SCAG meetings around the region, starting with the Inland Empire before the end of the year.

Other topics discussed was the development of the Annual Report and RFPs for lobbyists, as well as and update on the Transportation Summit and SCAG's Website.

### **5.0      INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1      Monthly Financial Report May 2002 & June 2002**

Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer, provided a report that reflected Financial status and cash flow, General Fund Expenditure status. The revenues as well as expenditures portion of the report was based on the original revenue estimates at July 1, 2001.

#### **5.2      Update on Financial & Business Plan**

Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Financial & Business plan is currently being completed. Staff is working hard to have it completed and mailed out during the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Becker advised the committee that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be initiating a Financial Management Oversight audit which will be started in September. The audit was requested by the FTA Regional office and the Scope has not yet been determined.

### **6.0      COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments presented at this time.

### **7.0      LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

#### **7.1      Closed Session**

No closed session at this time.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 5, 2002.**

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Mark Pisano, Executive Director

### **Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Helene Smookler, Chief Counsel  
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
Sondra Morrison, SCAG Controller  
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy  
Mike Murphy, Acting, Manager, Government Affairs  
Barbara Dove, Government Affairs Analyst  
Kim Turner, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

### **Members Present**

Councilmember Hal Bernson (**Los Angeles**), Delegate, District 59, President  
Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry (**Brea**), Delegate, District 22, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Supervisor Chuck Smith (**Orange County**), Delegate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Supervisor Jon Mikels, (**San Bernardino County**) Delegate, Immediate Past President  
Supervisor Bob Buster (**Riverside County**) Delegate  
Supervisor Yvonne Burke (**Los Angeles County**), Delegate  
Councilmember Greg Pettis (**Cathedral City**), Delegate, District 2  
Mayor Ron Loveridge (**Riverside**) Delegate, District 4  
Mayor Ron Roberts (**Temecula**), Delegate, District 5  
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia (**Grand Terrace**), Delegate, District 6  
Mayor Bill Alexander (**Rancho Cucamonga**) Delegate, District 9  
Councilmember Gary Ovitt (**Ontario**) Delegate, District, 10  
Councilmember Richard Dixon (**Lake Forest**), Delegate, District 13  
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway (**Newport Beach**), Delegate, District 14  
Councilmember Lou Bone (**Tustin**) Delegate, District 17

Councilmember Alta Duke (**La Palma**) Delegate, District 18  
Councilmember Shirley McCracken (**Anaheim**) Delegate, District 19  
Mayor Ron Bates (**Los Alamitos**) Delegate, District 20  
Councilmember Art Brown (**Buena Park**) Delegate, District 21  
Councilmember Bruce Barrows (**Cerritos**) Delegate, District 23  
Councilmember Gene Daniels (**Paramount**) Delegate, District 24  
Councilmember George Bass (**Bell**) Delegate, District 27  
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal (**Long Beach**), District 29  
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo (**Pico Rivera**) Delegate, District 31  
Councilmember Robert Bruesch (**Rosemead**) Delegate, District 32  
Councilmember Dick Stanford (**Azusa**) Delegate, District 33  
Councilmember Tom Sykes (**Walnut**) Delegate, District 37  
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal (**Claremont**) Delegate, District 38  
Councilmember Ken Blackwood (**Lomita**), Delegate, District 39  
Councilmember Sandra Jacobs (**El Segundo**) Delegate, District 40

### **Members Present – Cont'd**

Councilmember Pam O'Connor (**Santa Monica**) Delegate, District 41  
Councilmember Bob Yousefian (**Glendale**) Delegate, District 42  
Councilmember Dennis Washburn (**Calabasas**) Delegate, District 44  
Councilmember Toni Young (**Port Hueneme**) Delegate, District 45  
Councilmember Carl Morehouse (**San Buenaventura**) Delegate, District 47  
Councilmember Ralph Bauer (**Huntington Beach**) Delegate, District 64

### **CTC Representatives**

Mayor Bill Davis, representing VCTC  
Councilmember Robin Lowe, representing RCTC

### **Others present**

Mary Travis	VCTC
Catherine McMillan	CVAG
Cecil Carpio	Inglewood Resident
Jose Gonzales	City of Fontana
Barbara McGree	City of Rialto
Phyllis Winger	Councilmember Bernson's Office
Chuck Bookhammer	Supervisor Burke's staff
Dennis Zane	Urban Dimension/El Segundo
Douglas Kim	LACMTA
Renee Berlin	LACMTA
Maria Souza-Roundtree	City of Los Angeles
Michelle Dawson	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Brad Buller	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Felix Oduyema	So. Calif. Edison
John Vassiliades	Caltrans

David Sosa  
Bridget Sramek  
Paul Lanning  
Seda Yoghoubian  
Patty Senecal  
Stephanie Williams  
Julie Ross  
Michelle Barrett  
Emma Schafer  
Al Perdon  
Diane Sambrano  
Donald Nyre  
Shirley Conger  
Jose Andrade

Caltrans  
Assemblymember Lowenthal Office  
County of Orange  
El Toro Reuse  
California Trucking Assoc.  
California Trucking Assoc.  
Building Industry Assoc. of So. Calif.  
Building Industry Assoc. of So. Calif.  
Schafer Communications  
APA  
Inglewood Resident  
Newport Beach Resident  
Corona Del Mar  
Los Angeles Resident